

## MISCELLANEOUS.

*Note on the Genus Lophopus.*

*To the Editors of the 'Annals and Magazine of Natural History.'*

GENTLEMEN,—My attention has been directed to a paper in the 'Journal of the Linnean Society of London,' Zoology, no. 117, vol. xx. June 1887, by Stuart O. Ridley, M.A., "On the Characters of the Genus *Lophopus*, with a Description of a new Species from Australia." In the paper Dr. R. von Lendenfeld is credited with the discovery and preservation of the species described. If there is any credit due it is to me, from the fact that I collected, preserved, and exhibited the specimens from which the species has been described; and the first time Dr. Lendenfeld saw them was in the rooms of the Linn. Soc. of New South Wales (see 'Proceedings,' vol. x. p. 760, 1885) after they had been in spirit for some time. In a letter of mine which appeared in the 'Ashton Reporter,' Saturday, March 20, 1886, published at Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire, England, an account of the same specimens is given; and in the 'Transactions of the Manchester Microscopical Society' for 1886 will be found an account of "A Method of Killing Polyzoa" by myself, which is that employed in the preservation of the species in question. A few days before Dr. Lendenfeld left Sydney I gave him a bottle containing portions of my first gathering which were without statoblasts; but in order to render the species complete for description I made a special journey to Parramatta, in my own time and at my own expense, to obtain specimens which possessed them. I found them in plenty, but only in those in a dying or dead condition; and I added a small twig which was covered with the remains of the animals and full of statoblasts. I may also say that the bottle together with the specimens was given to Dr. Lendenfeld by me for him to give them to Prof. Allman, F.R.S., for description. From the above facts your readers will be able to judge who is deserving of credit in this matter.

I am, yours faithfully,

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*On the Existence of a Fish belonging to the Genus Neopercis in the Atlantic.* By M. LÉON VAILLANT.

In dredging no. cvii. of the 'Talisman' (1883), at a depth of 75–90 metres, between St. Vincent and St. Antoine, in the Cape-Verd Islands, a fish was obtained of some interest as a matter of geographical distribution. It belongs to the family Trachinidæ and to the genus *Percis*, or to that division of the genus named *Neopercis* by Steindachner.